

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER  
COATESVILLE, PA 19320

OPENING DATE: <b>06/30/09</b>	<b>POSITION</b>  <b>Clinical or Counseling Psychologist</b> <b>GS-180-13</b> <b>Geriatrics &amp; Extended Care</b> <b>(Chief of Staff)</b> <b>SALARY RANGE: \$85,621 P.A. to \$111,309 P.A.</b> <b>Appointment to this position, Grade and Salary will be based on the recommendation of the Professional Standards Board and approval by the Medical Center Director</b>	ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER  <b>MPA #79</b> <b>FY '09</b>
CLOSING DATE: <b>07/21/09</b>		

**NOTE:** Applicant(s) will be required to enroll and complete electronic credentialing through Vet Pro.

**AREA OF CONSIDERATION:** The area of consideration for this position will be **Coatesville VAMC only**.

**DUTIES:** Psychologists engage in professional and scientific work that relates to behavior, capacities, traits, interests and emotions. This work may include any one or a combination of the following: providing professional clinical services, conducting research, carrying out education and training activities, clinical consultation, supervision and administration. Primary duties will involve the assessment and treatment of a geriatric population and supervision of students and interns. The incumbent performs additional duties as assigned.

**TOUR of DUTY:** Typically, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (some evenings based on situational need and clinical discretion).

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

**BASIC REQUIREMENTS:** (Public Law 96-151 codified in 38 U.S.C.7402)

Must be a citizen of the United States, have a doctoral degree in Psychology, successfully completed a professional psychology internship training program, and hold a full, current, and unrestricted license to practice psychology at the doctoral level. \*Exception: The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may waive the requirement of licensure for a period not to exceed 2 years on the condition that such psychologist provide patient care only under the direct supervision of a licensed psychologist. Failure to obtain licensure during that period is justification for termination of employment.

**SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE:** GS-13: Two years of postdoctoral experience appropriate to the specialty area of the position. For the clinical and counseling specialties, the experience must have been gained in a professional program concerned with health, rehabilitation, or vocational restoration. The experience must indicate the applicant's ability to perform the duties of a psychologist in the area of work and at the level of difficulty and responsibility of the grade for which being considered. An applicant must have demonstrated supervisory or administrative abilities for positions in which include these responsibilities.

**APPLICANTS PLEASE NOTE:** Approved doctoral and internship training programs are those from an accredited college or university whose psychology curriculum is approved by the American Psychological Association (APA) and must be accredited by an accrediting institution recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Therefore, applicants must report only attendance and/or degrees from schools accredited by accrediting institutions recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Qualifying education, **submit copy of transcript** or list of courses with credit hours, major(s), and grade-point average or class ranking. You can receive credit for education received outside the United States if you provide evidence that it is comparable to an accredited educational institution in the United States when you apply. Applicants can verify accreditation at the following website: <http://www.ed.gov/adminis/finaid/accred/index.html>. Education completed in foreign colleges or universities may be used to meet the above requirements if you can show that the foreign education is comparable to that received in an accredited educational institution in the United States. It is your responsibility to provide such evidence when applying.

**RATING FACTORS:** Applicants will be rated on the basis of the quality and extent of their total experience, education, and training in relation to the requirements of the specific position for which they are being considered. Ratings will be based on competitor's statements in their applications and on any additional evidence that may be secured through qualification inquiries.

**PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:** Applicants must be physically and mentally able to efficiently perform the essential functions of the position without hazard to themselves or others.

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY:** Psychologists must be proficient in spoken and written English.

**HOW TO APPLY:** You must submit a complete application package. Failure to provide complete information may result in you not receiving consideration for this position.

**Coatesville VAMC Applicants:** Interested employees must complete and forward to Human Resources Management Service the following forms, which must be received no later the closing date to insure consideration:

1. VA Form 5-4078, "Application for Promotion or Reassignment"
2. VA Form 10-2850C, "Application for Associated Health Occupation" or CV/resume outlining experience and education. Must include hours per week and start/end dates-month & year. NOTE: 10-2850C (or CV/resume) is REQUIRED. It will be used to determine your qualifications for this position. To ensure full consideration, applicant should include information relevant to the assessment criteria for this position.
3. Copy of license
4. Copy of college transcript(s) for all qualifying education (If selected, official transcript(s) will need to be ordered)

**\*\* NOTE: We must receive a complete CV/resume or 10-2850C in order to determine your qualifications for this position. All applicants must indicate the hours worked per week and the starting and ending dates (month and year) for all qualifying experience.**

Applications must be postmarked by the closing date of this announcement.

Application mailed using government postage or through an internal federal government mail system will not be considered.

**DRUG TESTING DESIGNATED:** In accordance with Executive Order 12564, applicants selected for this position are required to submit to a drug test and receive a negative drug test result prior to appointment. In addition, this position is a drug-testing designated position subject to random testing for illegal drug use.

**WHO MAY APPLY:** This announcement is open to VAMC Coatesville, PA employees to include permanent employees in the Excepted Service employed under 38 USC 7802 in the Veterans Canteen Service may apply for consideration under this vacancy announcement. Employees who have Career or Career-Conditional appointments or Excepted Appointments under the Handicapped or Veterans Readjustment Appointing authorities may also be considered. The same qualification standards and rating criteria will apply to all applicants. Restrictions on time after competitive appointment and time-in-grade will apply. Additional information may be obtained from Human Resources Management Service. Your VA Form 5-4078 must be received in Human Resources Management Service no later than the closing date to insure consideration.

**REMARKS:** Management reserves the right to fill this position by other means such as reassignment, transfer, demotion, or hiring from outside the station at any time it is felt that this will result in the recruitment of a better qualified candidate. Discriminatory factors such as sex, race, color, national origin, religion, lawful political or employee organization affiliation, age, marital status, or non-disqualifying handicap, are not considerations in evaluating the qualifications of an employee. This agency provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the agency. The decision on granting reasonable accommodation will be on a case-by-case basis.